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THE FRASER INSTITUTE.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

Since the last report was issued the Governors have had to deplore the loss of their colleague and friend, Sir John Caldwell Abbott, their first life President. Sir John had for many years rendered very great services to the Institution ; indeed, its very existence, is in a great measure due to his untiring energy and eminent abilities.

The Annual Accounts for the year ending June 30th, 1894, duly audited, are herewith presented and shew all the receipts and disbursements of the corporation during the year.

The Governors have laboured assiduously during the past year to carry out to fuller effect the purposes of the founder of the Institute, and to minister more adequately to the requirements of the public. With this in view the Executive Committee has been enlarged and, under its supervision, the Library has been thoroughly examined in detail, the whole of the books re-arranged, and such books as were undesirable for the purposes of the Library, removed from the shelves ; the unbound magazines, of which there was a large accumulation stored away and consequently useless to the public, have been sorted and distributed among the principal hospitals ; the cost for binding and repairing has been unusually heavy, but has been given all possible attention, and a large number of works thus rendered available to the public ; important additions have been made by purchase in Paris and London, and the French Department of the Library has been thoroughly re-organized and largely augmented. It is gratifying to know that this effort to render the French section more attractive, has met with an increased attendance and interest. An entirely new catalogue on the card

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system has so advanced as to be of great service, and this important branch of library work is receiving the fullest attention and consideration.

Although no large donations of books have been made during the past year, the Board acknowledges with pleasure the judicious selection of works presented by individuals—upon whose intelligent knowledge of the Library and its needs, the Board must always rely for help in this particular. The reading room having become uncomfortably overcrowded, has been extended by the removal of the partition wall which separated it from the picture gallery; an arrangement that adds considerably to the available space, and improves both the lighting and ventilation. To these efforts may probably be attributed the large increase of readers mentioned in the report, and the Board looks hopefully forward to a steady gain on the part of the Library in public interest and favor, and a corresponding extension of its usefulness. It must be acknowledged that the difficulty of establishing a free municipal Library in this City has been almost insuperable; but the Board feel that the Fraser Institute has at least provided comfortable rooms and a thoroughly well equipped Library in certain subjects, for those who desire to avail themselves of this privilege.

From the different donations of recent years, there remains a small fund specially designated towards the purchase and rebinding of books; this, the Board will administer with all the care and judgment they can command; the revenues of the Institute will, however, be very much restricted until its landed property can be advantageously disposed of, and it is with confidence that the Board appeals to the public for its support, not only in donations of money and of books, but also for a further increase in attendance and use of the Library during the coming year.

R. B. ANGUS,
President.

MONTREAL, 30th June, 1894.

Abstract of Receipts and Disbursements of the Fraser Institute for the Year ending June 30th, 1894.

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
Revenue Account (see <i>Schedule I.</i>).....	\$11,860.45	Cash balance due Molsons Bank, July 1st, 1893.....	\$ 1,361.57
Sale of Catalogues.....	3.25	Current Annual Expenses (see Revenue Account, <i>Schedule I.</i>).....	15,098.65
Molsons Bank on Special Deposit.....	5,302.81	<i>Furniture Account</i> —Chairs, &c.....	39.00
Donation (Geo. W. Hamilton).....	50.00	<i>Library Account</i> —Periodicals, &c.....	154.31
Interest on Special Deposit in the Molsons Bank.....	180.69	“ “ “ “—Books.....	632.01
Cash received third payment on the sale of McMartin Farm.....	1,000.00	“ “ “ “—Magazine Covers.....	20.20
Cash balance due the Molsons Bank on general account.....	4,734.44	“ “ “ “—Card Catalogue.....	10.00
		<i>King's Post Farm</i> .—Irwin's note for rent unpaid.....	321.96
		High School Property Capital, new flooring to the Hall, boarding up the Beams, introducing Electric Light, etc.....	642.45
		Balance Special Deposit in Bank.....	4,851.49
			<u>\$23,131.64</u>

MONTREAL, 14th September, 1894.

Audited and Certified Correct,

P. S. ROSS & SONS,

Chartered Accountants.

SCHEDULE I.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements on General

RECEIPTS.

RENTS:—Fraser Building	\$7,532.33
High School Property	
The Hospital	\$ 480.00
Institute Building Rents :—Hall and other rooms	1,392.84
Societies meeting in the Institute	107.00
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King's Post Farm	1,979.84
Knox Farm	824.48
Circulating Department	1,200.00
Interest on unpaid portion of the purchase price of McMartin Farm	1.30
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	322.50
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	11,860.45
Balance carried to debit of capital	<hr/>
	3,238.20

\$15,098.65

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MONTREAL, 14th September, 1894.

SCHEDULE I.

Revenue Account for the year ending June 30th, 1894.

DISBURSEMENTS.

*The Institute.*Annual expenses (see *Schedule III.*).....\$3,971.75*High School Property.*

Paid Estate of Sir J. Caldwell Abbott, interest on
unpaid balance of the purchase price.....\$ 159.84
Running expenses of the ground floor (see *Schedule*
IV.).....258.82
Repairs, &c.....110.62
Taxes—The Hospital.....200.00
Carpentering.....7.59

Insurance—McKay pictures.....\$44.16
Books.....78.75

\$736.87

King's Post Farm.

New fencing from Lachine Rd. to the northern limits 380.00
Interest on mortgage held by Mrs. Buckland.....126.00
Insurance on Buildings.....17.92
Taxes.....61.77
Paid to Guardian in charge.....115.00
“ Fodder for horses.....29.32
“ Advertising.....6.73

\$ 736.74

122.91

Ed. St. James unpaid rent.....\$ 1,120.18

Knox Farm.

Interest on mortgage held by Montreal General
Hospital.....\$ 200.00
Insurance on Buildings.....18.15
Legal Expenses.....68.75

\$1,856.92

Fraser Buildings.

Interest on mortgage held by Robt. Hamilton....\$2,500.00
Insurance on Buildings.....262.50
“ Rents.....44.62
Paid J. B. Hutcheson for service since June 30th,
1887, leasing offices, &c.....150.00
Paid W. Chester, rebuilding wall in the cellar....130.00
Contestation of assessment widening Bleury St....10.80
Current expenses (see *Schedule V.*).....3,527.58

286.90

6,625.50

Annuity to Alex. Fraser.....1,000.00*Interest paid Molsons Bank on overdraft*.....189.94*Current Expenses.*

Stationery.....9.50
Auditor's Fee, 1892-93.....25.00
Telephone, one year.....25.00
Postage.....22.66
Printing.....46.75
Notarial and Legal.....102.48
Institut Canadien.....3.00
Electric Light alterations.....17.75
Ice.....5.00
Piercing Cards for Catalogue.....13.57
Valuation of Furniture, Hospital.....10.00
Advertising.....7.25
Miscellaneous.....19.90

307.86

\$15,098.65

SCHEDULE II.

Statement of Subscriptions to the Fraser Institute.

Will of the late Revd. Frederick Frothingham.....	\$25,000 00
John H. R. Molson, Esq.....	20,438 30
The Honourable Sir John Caldwell Abbott	5,000 00
Will of the late Thomas Workman	4,000 00
R. B. Angus, Esq.....	2,000 00
Honorable Justice Torrance.....	1,000 00
Peter Redpath, Esq.....	1,000 00
Hugh McLennan, Esq.....	1,000 00
W. C. McDonald, Esq....	1,000 00
Thos. Workman, Esq.....	1,000 00
Duncan McIntyre, Esq.....	1,000 00
Sir Donald A. Smith.....	1,000 00
W. B. Cummings, Esq.....	250 00
O. S. Wood, Esq	250 00
George Hague, Esq.....	250 00
Andrew Allan, Esq.....	250 00
Chas. Cushing, Esq.....	250 00
G. W. Hamilton, Esq.....	100 00
Anon.....	126 38

Total amount of donations to date \$64,914 68

Certified correct,

P. S. ROSS & SONS.

MONTREAL, 14 September, 1894.

SCHEDULE III.

*Statement of the current Annual Expenses of the
Institute for the year ending June 30th, 1894.*

Salary of Librarian	\$ 900 00	
“ Assistant No. 1	307 00	
“ “ No. 2	307 00	
“ Caretaker	360 00	
“ Hall Porter	240 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,114 00
Extra assistance, Cataloguing and re-arranging books	522 66	
Taxes	285 00	
Gas for Institute and Caretaker's house	457 72	
Heating	289 06	
Cleaning, Charing, and removing snow	52 39	
Water Rates	7 28	
Expenses Montreal Book Club	10 00	
MISCELLANEOUS:—		
Plumbing	33 57	
Double windows	7 22	
Carpentering	84 27	
Matting	14 19	
Painting porch and doors and oiling floors	20 00	
Miscellaneous	26 39	
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Construction of Hat and Cloak Room	43 00	
Embossed Stamp	5 00	
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		<u>\$3,971 75</u>

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MONTREAL, 14th September, 1894.

SCHEDULE IV.

The Fraser Institute Building.—Basement.

I.—CONSTRUCTION, REPAIRS AND FURNITURE.

Carpentering, Plastering and Tinting..... \$ 110 62

2.—RUNNING EXPENSES.

Heating	\$144 53
Lighting	102 29
Cleaning	12 00
	<u>\$ 258 82</u>

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MONTREAL, 14th September, 1894.

SCHEDULE V.

*Statement of the Current Annual Expenses of the
Fraser Buildings, for the year ending
June 30th, 1894.*

Salary of Caretaker	\$ 225 00
“ Elevator man	240 00
	<u>\$ 465 00</u>
Gas	209 12
Water Rate	3 64
City Taxes	848 75
Heating, Coal and Wood	600 43
Elevator, Water Power	1,107 18
“ Repairs	14 15
	<u>\$1,121 33</u>
Putting up and taking down Double Windows.	30 00
Repairs—Carpentering	21 36
Plumbing	118 22
Plastering	17 90
Cleaning, Tinting, etc.	49 88
Miscellaneous	41 95
	<u>\$ 249 31</u>
	<u>\$3,527 58</u>

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MONTREAL, 14th September, 1894.

SCHEDULE VI.

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*Abstract of Attendance at the Library for the year
ending June 30th, 1894.*

	MORN.	AFT.	EVE.	TOTAL.
Actual attendance during the past year.	13,870	24,265	9,583	47,718
Number of times open	334	334	291	334
Average attendance <i>per diem</i>	41	73	33	147

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*Comparison of Attendance during the ten months
ending June 30th.*

	MORN.	AFT.	EVE.	TOTAL.
Average attendance <i>per diem</i>1886-87.	21	46	17	84
“ “ “1887-88.	26	49	22	97
“ “ “1888-89.	23	52	27	102
“ “ “1889-90.	24	66	27	117
“ “ “1890-91.	28	62	32	122
“ “ “1891-92.	34	67	31	132
“ “ “1892-93.	32	61	30	123
“ “ “1893-94.	44	76	33	153

*Comparative Statistics of Attendance per Month
during last year.*

	MORNING.	AFTERNOON.	EVENING.
Average daily attendance			
Largest.....Feb. & Mar.= 62.		93.	Apl.= 36.
Smallest.....July & Aug.= 24.		Aug.= 41.	June.= 26.

In comparing the different figures given above, it should be borne in mind that the Library is closed in the evenings during the months of July and August.

SCHEDULE VII.

*List of Donations of Books for the year ending
June 30th, 1894.*

	VOLS.
ANGUS, R. B.....	17
ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE.....	3
ART ASSOCIATION OF MONTREAL.....	2
AUSTRALIA, AGENT GENERAL OF WESTERN.....	1
BOSTON, CITY OF, U. S.....	1
CANADIAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS.....	1
CYR, NARCISSE.....	1
CRAWFORD, MISS E. M.....	84
CHILI, GOVERNMENT OF.....	37
CLOUSTON, E. S.....	39
DOMINION, GOVERNMENT OF THE.....	6
“ EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION.....	1
EDWARDS, J. P.....	14
GIROUARD, D.....	1
HARRIS, MISS.....	1
HARVARD UNIVERSITY.....	1
ILES, GEORGE.....	1
JAVA, GOVERNMENT OF THE ISLAND OF.....	1
LACROIX.....	3
LIVERPOOL, CITY OF, ENGLAND.....	1
MILAN, CITY OF, ITALY.....	1
MONTREAL, CITY OF.....	3
“ BOOK CLUB.....	49
“ HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS.....	1
MCGILL COLLEGE.....	1
MCLENNAN, HUGH.....	27
“ WILLIAM.....	147
PLATT, C.....	4
QUEBEC, GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF.....	80
ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE CLUB.....	1
ROYAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, ENGLAND.....	1
TORONTO, CITY OF.....	1
UNITED STATES, GOVERNMENT OF.....	10
YOUNG MENS' CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.....	1
ANON.....	1

The Governors of the Fraser Institute take this opportunity to thank the proprietors of the following newspapers and periodicals for free copies :—

Gazette, Herald, Richmond Guardian, Montreal Medical Journal, Journal d'Agriculture, Canadian Trade Review, Canadian Church Magazine, Canadian Record of Science, Real Estate Record, Dominion Grocer, Canadian Horticulturist (Toronto), Imperial Federation, Vegetarian Messenger, India's Women, (London, Eng.,) Commercial Journal, Vegetarian, Our Home, All the World Far and Near, Endeavour Herald, Victoria Home Journal, The Shareholder.



